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SUBJ: VOLSPKR WILLIAM OLSON

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1. AUGUST 11 AMEMBASSY APPLIED RUSSIAN EMBASSY FOR VISA FOR PROF. WILLIAM OLSON TO LECTURE AT KIEV AND MOSCOW ON BEHALF OF USIS VOLUNTEER SPEAKERS PROGRAM. RUSSIAN VISA ISSUED AUGUST 26, HOWEVER RUSSIAN CONSUL STATED THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS NOT RPT NOT AWARE OF FACT THAT PROF. OLSON WILL LECTURE IN RUSSIA. RUSSIAN VISA IS THEREFORE ISSUED TO HIM AS A "PRIVATE GUEST" OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. AMEMBASSY REP. REMINDED RUSSIAN CONSUL OF NOTE VERBALE OF AUGUST 11 REQUESTING THAT PROF. OLSON BE GIVEN A VISA TO ALLOW HIM TO LECTURE IN MOSCOW AND KIEV. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, AMEMBASSY EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT "NOT AWARE" OF FACT THAT PROF. OLSON WILL LECTURE IN RUSSIA. AMEMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED CLARIFICATION WHETHER RUSSIAN CONSUL'S STATEMENT MEANS THAT PROF. OLSON WILL BE ALLOWED TO LECTURE IN RUSSIA. RUSSIAN CONSUL DID NOT CLARIFY.

2. AMEMBASSY ROME CONTACTED PROF. OLSON TO TELL HIM OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ENIGMATIC STATEMENT MADE BY RUSSIAN CONSUL. PROF. OLSON'S PRINCIPAL REASON FOR GOING TO RUSSIA IS TO GIVE A SERIES OF LECTURES; HE IS, THEREFORE, RELUCTANT TO GO TO RUSSIA WITHOUT REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL BE ALLOWED TO DO SO. PROF. OLSON INFORMED AMEMBASSY ROME THAT BARBARA J. ALLEN, ASST. CULTURAL ATTACHE, AMEMBASSY MOSCOW FAMILIAR WITH HIS CASE AND COULD PERHAPS MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AS TO WHETHER HE

WILL BE ALLOWED TO LECTURE IN RUSSIA. PROF. OLSON ALSO REQUESTED THAT HIS VISAED PASSPORT BE SENT BY POUCH TO AMCONSULATE MILAN, WHICH AMEMBASSY ROME HAS ALREADY DONE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST THAT AMEMBASSY MOSCOW MAKE INQUIRY AT FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DETERMINE WHETHER PROF. OLSON WILL BE ALLOWED TO LECTURE IN MOSCOW. REQUEST FURTHER THAT RESPONSE BE SENT TO AMCONSULATE MILAN. WHERE PROF. OLSON WILL PICK UP HIS PASSPORT, AND AN INFO CPY TO ROME. FYI: PROF. OLSON WILLING TO POSTPONE TRIP FOR A FEW DAYS IN ORDER TO WAIT FOR RESPONSE FROM MOSCOW. HOWEVER, HIS RUSSIAN VISA WILL EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 9.HOLMES

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